

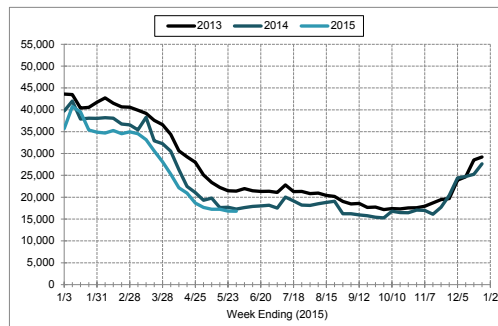
# Status of the Iowa Workforce and Economy

## 2015 Statewide News Release Schedule

Reference Month	Statewide News Release	Local Area News Release
Jan	Mar 17	Mar 20
Feb	Mar 27	Mar 27
Mar	Apr 21	Apr 21
Apr	May 27	May 27
<b>May</b>	<b>June 19</b>	<b>June 23</b>
June	July 21	July 21
July	Aug 21	Aug 25
Aug	Sept 18	Sept 22
Sept	Oct 20	Oct 20
Oct	Nov 20	Nov 24
Nov	Dec 18	Dec 22
Dec	Jan 26	Jan 26

- Iowa's seasonally adjusted jobless rate remained at 3.8 percent in May. The current rate compares with 4.4 percent in May 2014.
- Iowa's total employment is up 19,200 over last year.
- The U.S. jobless rate rose to 5.5 percent in May from 5.4 percent in April.

## Continued Weeks Claimed for Unemployment Insurance Iowa Regular State UI Program



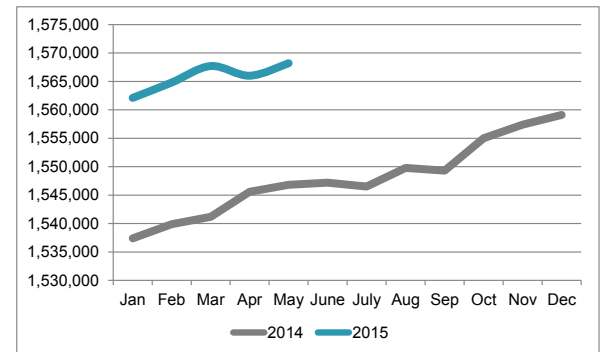
Source: Unemployment Insurance Data Summary  
U.S. Department of Labor

- UI continued claims fell from an average of 19,347 per week in 2014 to 17,161 per week in 2015 for the month of May, representing a decrease of 6 percent.

- U.S. nonfarm employment gained 280,000 jobs in May and is now up 3.1 million versus on year ago. The annual rate of growth (2.2 percent) outpaces that of Iowa (1.4 percent).

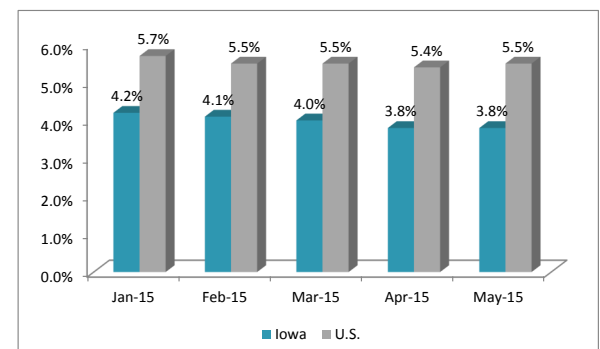
- In May, the largest U.S. employment gains were in education and health services (+74,000) and professional and business services (+63,000). The only major losses occurred in support activities for mining and were related to falling oil prices.

## Total Nonfarm Employment - Iowa May 2014 - May 2015



- Iowa's nonfarm employment added 2,200 jobs in May, more than offsetting the loss of 1,700 jobs last month which was the first decline of the year.
- Government shed 800 jobs this month but remains up 2,900 jobs annually due to hiring in state government education.
- Manufacturing added the most jobs this month (+1,700), followed by education and health services (+1,300) and financial services (+900).
- Construction experienced the largest decrease this month (-1,400) following an usually large increase last month (+2,400).

## Iowa and U.S. Unemployment Rates—2015



Iowa Nonfarm Employment by Quarter			
		Average Employment	Percent Change from Prior Qtr
2013	Qtr 2	1,523,300	0.3%
	Qtr 3	1,536,000	0.8%
	Qtr 4	1,534,800	-0.1%
2014	Qtr 1	1,539,500	0.3%
	Qtr 2	1,546,500	0.5%
	Qtr 3	1,548,500	0.1%
	Qtr 4	1,557,200	0.6%
2015	Qtr 1	1,564,900	0.5%

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